



REQUEST for CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Applicant: STEVENS Examiner: Li, Shi
Serial No.: 10/045,757 Group Art Unit: 2633
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Title: FAULT TOLERANT OPTICAL SWITCH ARCHITECTURE

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1. This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
2. Enclosed please find:
 - a. ☒ An Office Action Amendment (8 pgs) with RCE, submitted herewith to advance the above-referenced patent application under final rejection.
 - ☒ Return Postcard
3. Fees
 - a. ☒ Please charge Deposit Account Number 50-0996 (LMCO.009PA) for the below RCE filing fee, with authorization to charge/credit said account additional required fees/overages to complete this filing:
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2005, please amend the claims and consider the remarks that follow. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Claims begin on page 2.

The Remarks begin on page 8.